



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, DC

Issued by the Department of Transportation on May 5, 1999

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-97-2347**

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of **Continental Airlines, Inc.** filed **4/12/99** to:

**XX** Renew for two years exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to:

**Integrate its existing authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail under its certificates of public convenience and necessity for Routes 29-F, 59, 82-F, 157, 165, 381, 383, 482, 509, 561, and 629 and under its currently held exemptions, so as to permit foreign air transportation services involving any points named on the above certificates and exemptions.**

**XX** Amend the above authority to:

**Permit Continental to integrate its existing domestic certificate authority and Routes 110, 176, and 659 with any points on the above routes and its existing exemption authority.**

Applicant rep: **R. Bruce Keiner, Jr. (202) 624-2500** DOT Analyst: **Sylvia Moore (202) 366-6519**

**DISPOSITION**

**XX** **Granted** (subject to conditions, see below)

The above action was effective when taken: **May 5, 1999,** through **May 5, 2001**

**Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director**  
**Office of International Aviation**

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: **XX** **Holder's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**  
**XX** **Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)**

(See Reverse Side)

**Conditions:** The route integration authority granted is subject to the condition that any service provided under this exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in award of the route integration authority requested should be construed as conferring upon Continental rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless Continental notifies us of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary carrier selection procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights; and (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route rights that are included in Continental's authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by Continental, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for Continental in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

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On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(n) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest, and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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